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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/709,626-Conf. #3625
	Filing Date	May 18, 2004
	First Named Inventor	John Elasic
	Art Unit	3641
	Examiner Name	M. R. Clement
	Attorney Docket Number	12051-00001-US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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II. ☒ Other Amendment in Response to Final Office Action (March 2, 2006)

b. ☐ Enclosed

I. ☐ Amendment/Reply

II. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

III. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

IV. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

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b. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

II. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

III. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description						Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		
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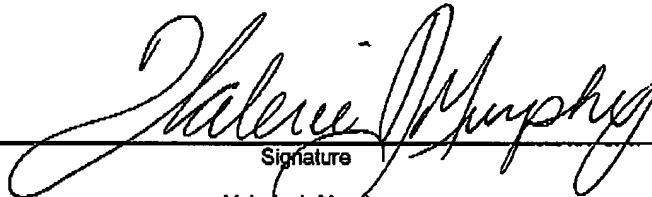
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